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REPORT FROM "VITALIJ"

From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

No.: 4

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To SEMEN.

According to a report of "VITALIJ"[1] at the beginning of December in the S.S. "KAMCHATNEFT" there was sent home IVANOV Aleksandr Mikhajlovich [,] born 1891, chief engineer [STARMEKH] of the whaler [K/B][a] "ALEUT". On 24th November IVANOV went out of the hostel and did not appear for three days. At the end of this time he was found in a police station in a drunken condition

[12 groups unrecovered]

. According to documentary data IVANOV served several years' imprisonment for shipwreck when he was captain of the icebreaker "DAVYDOV".

In connection with the plan for refitting a large number of vessels please expedite the examination of our [B% problems] and if our proposals about the removal of the crews are unacceptable, make a careful selection and reduction [2 groups unrecovered] personnel in these vessels.

No. 5
2nd January

GIFT [DAR][11]

[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

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T.N.: [a] Abbreviation of KITBOJNOE SUDNO.

Comments: [1] VITALIJ: Unidentified covername.

[11] DAR: Grigoriy Pavlovich KASPAROV, MGB Resident in SAN FRANCISCO. Note that the internal date of this message is 2nd January, the day of "DAR's" departure from SAN FRANCISCO (see SAN FRANCISCO's no. 10 of 10th January 1945 [S/NBF/T651]).

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